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Mr. HARRIS changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill as amended was passed

bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> House of Representatives, Washington, DC, March 1, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN McCarthy,

Speaker, House of Representatives

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Susan J. Beals, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held February 21, 2023, the Honorable Jennifer McClellan was elected for Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

ON, Clerk. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS,

Richmond, VA, March 1, 2023.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON, Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 for Representative in Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Virginia, show that Jennifer McClellan received 82,040 votes or 74.41% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Jennifer McClellan was elected as Representative in Congress from the 4th Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all localities involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Beals, Commissioner.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JENNIFER L. McCLELLAN OF VIRGINIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Virginia, the Honorable Jennifer L. McClellan, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Virginia delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

Mrs. Mcclellan appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JENNIFER L. MCCLELLAN TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the dean of the Virginia

congressional delegation, who you see in the well, to introduce and welcome to Congress the newest Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia, JENNIFER MCCLELLAN.

Representative McClellan was born in Petersburg, Virginia, and is the daughter of educators at Virginia State University, an HBCU in Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, which she now represents. She is a graduate of the University of Richmond and received her law degree from the University of Virginia.

A dedicated public servant, Representative McClellan has renresented the Richmond area in the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia for the last 17 years. Through her time in the Virginia General Assembly, she has been a committed and principled legislator working to expand access to voting rights, reproductive rights, and environmental protections in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has successfully sponsored more than 350 pieces of legislation during her tenure in the Virginia General Assembly.

She lives in Richmond with her husband, David Mills, and their two children, Jackson and Samantha. With her victory in last month's special election, she made history as the first Black woman ever elected to Congress from Virginia.

I know she will continue making history with her steadfast commitment to the Fourth Congressional District, fighting for their voices to be heard in this Chamber, and I know she will also carry on the legacy of her predecessor, our dear late friend, the Congressman from the Fourth District, Donald McEachin.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to now yield to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. McCLELLAN).

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative Scott for his introduction. I also thank the Members of the Virginia delegation, and my new colleagues.

I rise as the newest Member of Virginia's Fourth Congressional District and the first African-American woman elected to this body from the Commonwealth of Virginia. I thank the voters of the Fourth Congressional District for placing their trust in me to serve in this, the people's House.

Today, I succeed, but can never replace, A. Donald McEachin, who was a friend, mentor, and colleague whom I served with in the Virginia House of Delegates and succeeded in the Senate in Virginia. I stand on his shoulders. I stand on the shoulders of John Mercer Langston, the first African American to represent Virginia, also from the Fourth District.

Mr. Speaker, I did not make this journey alone, and I thank my friends, family, and supporters who have supported me along the way.

First and foremost, I thank my husband, David Mills. I thank my son, Jackson, who is excited to show off his dance moves, and my daughter, Samantha.